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UPDATE

BZA Holds Hearings on Health & Wellness; To Open 7:00-1:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, October 1, the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment held a hearing on the George Washington University's new application for a special exception to build a health and wellness center in the 2300 block of G Street. Revealed at the hearing but not in earlier information disseminated to the community were the hours of operation of the center, from 7:00 to 1:00 a.m. on weekdays, with slightly earlier closing hours on weekends.

The University's testimony was directed by Jerry Moore, III, GWU's attorney for this project; witnesses were: Al Ingle, Ed.D., Associate Vice President for Business Affairs; Michelle Honey, Director, Architecture, Engineering & Construction; and Michael Keller, Executive Director, Academic Support Administrative Services. Also testifying were the building's architect and the university's traffic expert.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, the Foggy Bottom Association, and the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association (CPTA) were granted party status and allowed to cross-examine witnesses. During the ANC's cross-examination, conducted by ANC counsel Matthew Watson, questions were posed on several issues, but focused on the traffic report. He and ANC Chair Bernard Mozer pointed out what they considered were faulty figures used for the report. Ellie Becker of the FBA asked if any other sites

40th Anniversary Kick-Off Party November 1

Come one, come all, to the 40th anniversary celebration party on Saturday, November 1, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The event, to be held at Zuki Moon Noodles, 824 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., is free and open to area residents and guests.

It is to be a "meet your neighbors" event, and will feature food, beverages, conversation, and music. The chef at Zuki Moon, Mary Richter, is preparing an assortment of specialties for the event, and wine and beer will also be served. Matthew Hall, FBA Treasurer, is arranging for appropriate music to lighten everyone's mood.

While an R.S.V.P. is not required, responses are requested to help in planning. Call 341-1139 (noon-midnight) or 337-5528 to let us know you plan to come.

See you on the 1st!

had been considered; Ingle answered in the negative, asserting it was the only choice allowed by the campus plan. She also asked if he felt that the use of the building was more intense than was called for in the campus plan which mandates intense use facilities for the interior of the campus. Ingle said no; Becker replied that many in the community disagreed with that assessment. Dorothy Miller of Columbia Plaza also questioned the suitability and legality of the facility in that location.

Others testifying briefly in support of the center were representatives from the Hillel Center, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, The Odd Fellows (who have a building just west of the site), the Student Association, and resident Dale Barnhard. ANC Commissioner Maria Tyler offered personal opposition to the project, emphasizing the need for dormitory construction. Formal statements from the ANC, FBA and CPTA were deferred to the BZA's October 15 hearing, as well as the testimony of the D.C. Office of Planning.

L Street Safeway Lease Threatened

Area residents are mounting a campaign to prevent the Safeway Townhouse store at 21st and L Streets from closing, according to a recent issue of the *Northwest Current*. The efforts are in response to reports that the store will lose its lease and a CVS store will open in its place. Residents, especially those in nearby apartment buildings, expressed grave concern about losing the only grocery store in that part of town.

A Safeway spokesman would not confirm the possibility, advising that negotiations were still going on. The *News* was informed that the Safeway rent offer was "more than generous." JBG Properties, which also manages the Watergate, was not available for comment. Lease negotiations continue; there has also been an offer to buy the building from its current owners.

The Citizens' concerns centered around the lack of other grocery stores nearby,

especially for the older residents of buildings such as the Carriage House, Savoy, West End Place and Hamilton House. They were also disturbed about the possibility that it will be replaced by a CVS pharmacy; the *Current* reported that four other CVS stores are within three blocks. One resident's letter to CVS is printed elsewhere in this issue. Residents will recall the dismay of MacArthur Boul-

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Sheehan and Price Leave FB; Roeltgen New at St. Stephen's

Msgr. Roeltgen Succeeds Fr. Sheehan

At St. Stephen Martyr Church, the new pastor is Monsignor Kenneth W. Roeltgen, succeeding Reverend Thomas J. Sheehan. Msgr. Roeltgen was formally installed on September 14, 1997.



The new pastor previously served as rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg. After ordination in 1979, he served at the Church

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Free Flu Shots!
Friday 10/31
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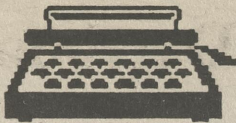
FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

Monday, October 27, 1997
Wyndham Bristol Hotel
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7:30 p.m.

(Next Month's Meeting, Monday, November 24, 1997)



Save Our Safeway!

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There are several CVS stores, and other pharmacies, conveniently located right here in our immediate area. Unfortunately, this is not true of grocery stores.

I was shocked and disturbed to hear that Townhouse (Safeway) Store No. 3303-881, located at 21st and L Streets, N.W., Washington, may close and be replaced by yet another CVS store. Why? This Townhouse is the only conveniently located, well-stocked grocery store in this area.

We do not need another CVS store, certainly not at this particular location. We do need the Townhouse food store, however, for regular grocery shopping. Why not open your new CVS store in a location where one is needed? Please do not compete with Safety for the 21st and L Streets location. I am sure there are other locations where a CVS store would be needed. This location just is not one of them, particularly since it would deprive us of our much needed grocery store, which has been there for many years. I hope you will reconsider. It is most important.

Lydia C. Adams

Thanks from IONA

Many thanks for including in the Neighborhood

Joanne Hatem

Joanne Hatem, who lived in the 2500 block of Eye Street, N.W., died in late September in her home. Hatem, a physician, died of natural causes and is survived by her family living in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Joanne was also well known for her large black and white canine companion, who answered to the name Ryan. Services were held September 17 in Havre de Grace.

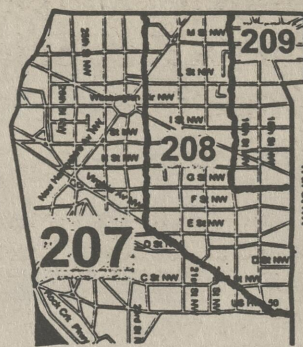
Joseph Herman Cohen

Joseph Hermon Cohen, owner of the One Step Down on Pennsylvania Avenue, died October 5 at the age of 71. Cohen had operated the renowned jazz club since the 1960s along with his brother Kenneth. According to the *Post* report, many jazz greats played there, including Chet Baker and Shirley Horn, and patrons also took advantage of an "extensively stocked jukebox." The Cohens leased the club to new management earlier this year.

Datebook the announcement of IONA's Forum on "Options for Health Care in the Years Ahead." I know at least three Foggy Bottomites will be there, and we hope for many more.

Hannah Dowell

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Second District MPD Report:

Make A Note: PSA Team Leaders' Voice Mail

Sergeants Robert Panizari and John Rucker are the designated "beat leaders," respectively, for Metropolitan Police Patrol Service Areas 207 and 208. These two areas run from Rock Creek and the river on the west to 19th on the east, and from N Street on the north to the Potomac on the south (see map). The team leaders' office phone is 282-0050; to reach their voice mail boxes call 282-1162; Sgt. Panizari's mail box is #21380; Sgt. Rucker's is #21410.



The Latest Unofficial Crime Statistics

In September, PSA 207 experienced 1 assault, 3 burglaries, 21 thefts, 14 thefts from auto, and 5 stolen autos, for a total of 44. Thefts from auto decreased from the August count of 26, but remains the most frequent offense. PSA 208 experienced 6 robberies, 2 assaults, 32 thefts, 23 thefts from auto, and 4 stolen autos, for a total of 72. There was an increase in robberies from August; all other categories decreased.

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Arts and Crafts Fair To Be Held at World Bank

An International Arts and Crafts Fair will be held November 18-20 (Tuesday-Thursday) at the World Bank H Building auditorium, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event is staffed by the Bank's volunteer services, and benefits the Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund. This fund provides scholarships to women from developing countries for training in the U.S. before returning to their home countries. The auditorium can be reached from the entrance on

G Street between 19th & 20th Streets.

Featured will be a large selection of unusual items from many different countries, such as Chilean sweaters, German candles, Italian and Spanish leather goods, Jordanian blown glass, and Polish amber. In addition, homemade cakes, cookies, bread, jams, and native snacks will be sold, and a lunch featuring international delicacies, soup and French bread will be served at Le Cafe.

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Claridge House Dedicates Olsen Dogwood



On Saturday, September 20, Claridge House residents and friends gathered at the Claridge House entrance to dedicate a newly planted dogwood tree to the memory of Betty Lawrence Olsen. Her daughter, Kirsten Lawrence Olsen, and others who knew Betty recalled memories of the longtime Foggy Bottom and Claridge resident. The tree was dedicated to "her passion for life and her love of all living things." Betty Olsen was a member of the Claridge and Foggy Bottom Association boards, wrote several columns for the *Foggy Bottom News*, worked constantly to beautify the neighborhood, and was known for her affection for animals. The date was chosen in remembrance of her birthday (9/19). Betty often said, "You should treat every day like your birthday and make it a special day."

It's Mind-Boggling—

The following statistics on solid waste MIS-management were prepared for a briefing paper in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). They were found on top of a photocopying machine dated October 19, 1989:

- ★ We discard enough aluminum to rebuild our commercial airfleet every three months.
- ★ We throw away enough iron and steel to continuously supply the U.S. automakers.
- ★ We go through 2 billion plastic bottles hourly.
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- ★ We discard 220 million used tires each year, one for each person in the United States.
- ★ We throw away enough glass bottles and jars to fill the 1,350-foot twin towers of New York's World Trade Center every TWO weeks.

I wonder what the statistics are today?

John Graves

United Church Holds Fall Sale: Donations Welcome

The United Church, located at 20th & G Streets, N.W., will hold its annual Fall Sale and German Luncheon (and supper) on Wednesday and Thursday, October 29-30. The sale will run from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day, with the German menu served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Items for sale will be household items, furniture, white elephants, and "generally anything that our neighbors no longer need. One person's trash is another person's treasure!"

Donations of clothing, toys and other items are encouraged and will be welcome, and may be brought to the church between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Ring the bell at the 20th Street door or call the church office at 331-1495. Proceeds will benefit the church's outreach programs.

Women's Health Initiative Seeks Study Subjects

Women between the ages of 60 and 79 are invited to participate in a major research study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. The study is seeking answers about how to prevent heart disease, breast and colorectal cancer and osteoporosis in women. The Women's Health Initiative of George Washington University, with offices at 908 New Hampshire Avenue, is one of 40 clinics studying over 160,000 participants. The clinical trial will focus on the role of diet, hormone therapy, etc. in disease prevention. Call 676-5150 for more information about the program.

Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, October 27: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans as featured speaker. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday, October 29-30: Fall Sale and German Luncheon, open from 11:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m., with a German luncheon served from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W.

Friday, October 31: Second Annual All Hallows Eve Masquerade Party, featuring games, prizes and costume contest. St. Stephen Martyr Church hall, 25th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (enter on 25th Street). \$5 donation requested. 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 1: Foggy Bottom Association Party, beginning 40th anniversary celebration. Zuki Moon Noodles Restaurant, 824 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. All residents invited. 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 6: Opening of "Swags, Urns and Eagles: Details of the Federal Period," an exhibition of photographs by Victoria Cooper. Sponsored by the American Architectural Foundation. The Octagon, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday, November 6-9: "Lend Me a Tenor," Tony award winning comedy by Ken Ludwig, Washington attorney and playwright. Marvin Center Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. \$8 general admission; \$5 students and seniors. 8:00 p.m.; Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 9: Soprano Lori Bryan and Mezzo-Soprano Terri Erchul Malone in recital of opera, lieder, oratorio and spirituals. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 25th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Reception follows. \$5 donation requested. 3:00 p.m.

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Sat. Nov. 22	Middleburg & Long Branch (8:30am-6:30pm) Magnif. estate, followed by lunch & time in Middleburg. Later, winery tour.	\$75*
Sat. Dec. 6	Yuletide at Winterthur & Longwood Gardens (8am-8pm)	\$75**
Sat. Dec. 13	Christmas at Oatlands, Va. (8:30am-5:30pm)	\$75*
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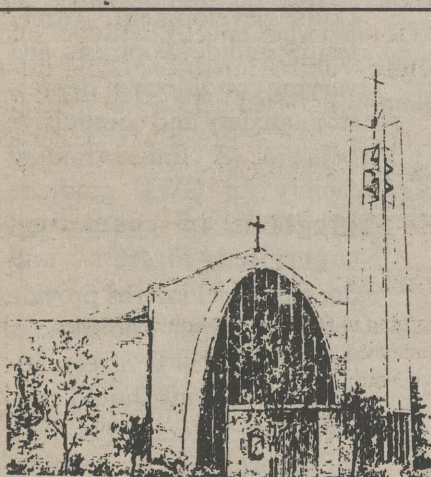
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Foggy Bottom Folks

Did you see the splint on **Neha Rajpal's** arm? It was pale yellow, how about that? It happened on Labor Day, had something to do with a table, but latest reports are that she's doing fine and it doesn't hurt too much now.

Rennie Melanson's description of her look-see at Brooklyn shows the advantages of well-run trips. Foggy Bottom's own **Encore** offers delightful excursions as well. Coming up are opportunities to visit the Pennsylvania Dutch country, Baltimore's Victoria & Albert Museum, and Christmas-time trips to Oatlands, Winterhur, Long-

wood Gardens, and Radio City Music Hall. **Encore's** bus picks up here in FB; couldn't be easier! There's more information elsewhere in this issue.

Glad to report that **Isabella Geppert** is going strong again



after suffering a broken pelvis in an accident some time ago. It was no picnic to get over, but some say she looks very well and rested after her healing time.

A special note arrived for the *News*, with a complaint echoed by all users of H Street between 23rd and 24th. It reported that while building the new dorm, New Hall, at 2350 H Street, N.W., George Washington University "ruined" H Street. "Those of us who must drive in this area can attest to the pot holes, bumps and dips. George Washington University is responsible for

restoring this street to its original smooth paving." It seems to me that this correspondent agrees wholeheartedly with John Graves of St. Mary's Court, who wrote an extensive article on this subject in the *Foggy Bottom News* last summer. Unhappily, the holes are still there, worse than ever. GWU's Jane Lingo advises she consulted with the university's facilities staff about the problem, but no promises for immediate correction were forthcoming.

Subjects ranging from the Marv Albert trial to "stealth" Congressional amendments and the D.C. budget were covered by malpractice lawyer **Jack Olender** at a St. Mary's Court luncheon. The talk by Olender was ar-

ranged by Lillian Gordon of IONA Senior Services, which manages the luncheon program at the Court.

It never fails. Just like the award winners on television, someone is forever being left out when the thanks are given out. This time I missed **Paul Sakwa** when I listed the fine folks who help distribute the paper. Mea culpa, Paul.

There is a very special lady who has lived here many years, and who is leaving to return to the part of the country from which she hails. **Mae Aaberg**, who has lived in the Claridge, is heading in a northwesterly direction to the State of South Dakota. Mae is a retired lady who worked on the Hill (for Minnesota Congressman Ancher Nelsen for one), and remained active in Republican politics. For more than a few years, Mae was the person who delivered the *Foggy Bottom News* to individual distributors and various buildings. She made a difference in our neighborhood; she will be missed, but leaves with the best wishes of many FB friends.

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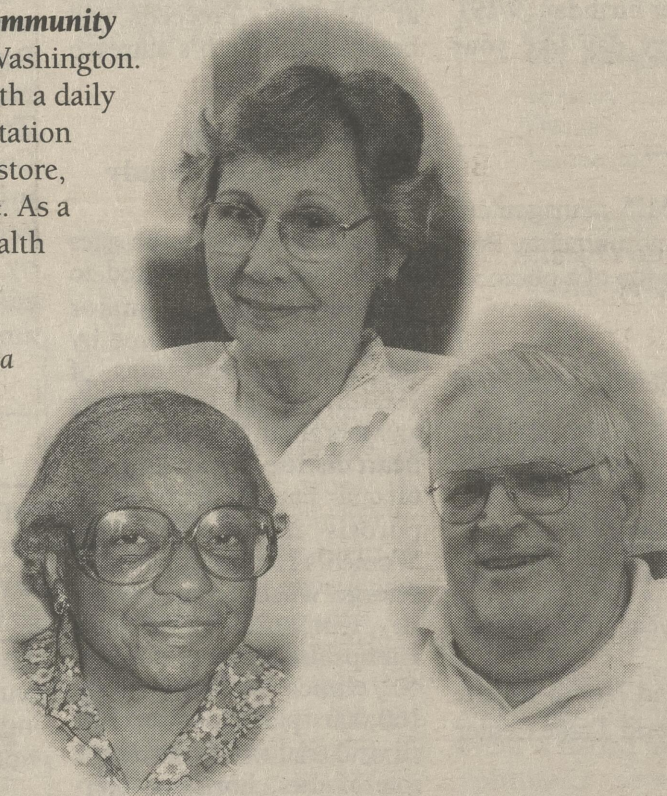
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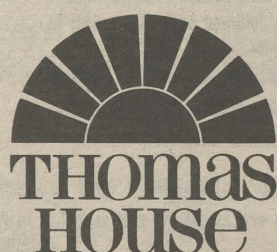
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Don't Leave the Leaves

The welcome season of autumn brings more comfortable weather, but also brings those red, yellow and brown things down from the trees. While we enjoy the trees in full leaf, in the fall the dropped leaves can present problems. Leaves on sidewalks are slippery, dry or wet, and leaves falling (or worse yet swept) into the gutter block water drainage into the

sewers. And, of course, too many in the sewer drains back up the water, causing major messes.

So, when the fine fall weather comes, take a rake or broom in hand, attack those clogging leaves and (a) start your own compost pile to benefit your next garden, or (b) pack them up for the trash pickups. And it's good exercise, especially if you take it easy and enjoy the fall's crisp weather.

Priests (from page 1)

of the Little Flower in Bethesda, as archdiocesan director of men's vocations, and director of the Office of Continuing Education for Clergy.

Father Sheehan served as pastor at the Pennsylvania Avenue church from 1976 until earlier this year. He is from Cork, Ireland, was ordained in 1953, and first served at St. Anthony's Church in northeast Washington. He later served

D.C.'s St. Thomas Apostle Church, at St. Mary of the Mills in Laurel, became pastor of St. Joseph's in Pomfret and later was named pastor at the Laurel church. While seeing to some medical matters, Father Sheehan is staying at another parish in D.C. prior to his probable return to Ireland. His parishioners and others in the community wish him good health and happiness in the years to come.



and his other son Randall is currently living with his parents. The Price family maintains a permanent home on Cape Cod in Massachusetts.

Father Price Leaves St. Mary's

Reverend Darwin Price, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for the past seven years, has taken a new position at St. Luke's in Easthampton, L.I., New York. Price and his wife Grace left St. Mary's in late September. An interim rector is expected to be named in November, followed by a selection later by the church's search committee.

His new parish, he indicated, is more than the elegant beach community of Easthampton's reputation, but also has many working class and poorer residents. Father Price's new post will also place him more centrally located to the homes of his children.

His daughter Molly is at Brown University, his daughter Kelly lives in this area and is with the State Department, his son Christopher is a sports writer in Hyannis, Massachusetts,

Father Price's departure follows closely the agreement made between the church's officials and George Washington University relating to the proposed Health & Wellness Center. That building is planned just south of the 130-year old building, and the agreement has several provisions benefiting the church. One is the movement of the center 70 feet away from the fragile church building; another is the purchase by the university of its Carriage House lot; the placement of a "buffer" garden area between the two; and a limited schedule of activities in the center on Sunday mornings.

Foggy Bottom residents, as well as St. Mary's Church members, wish Father Price well in his new post. His gracious manner and thoughtful counsel will be missed.

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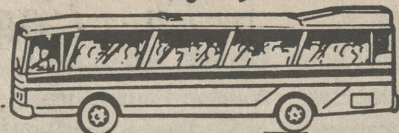
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Part II



An old attraction at West Brighton, besides famous Feltman's and Nathan's, was a theme park at West 10th and Surf Avenue. "Lucy the Elephant" was a seven-story structure (of wood covered by tin) built in 1885 on top of a flagpole, housing 34 rooms and a bazaar! The first Black Boxing Championship of America was held in West Brighton in 1890 (by the Coney Island Athletic Club); and the Steeplechase Amusement Park was developed in 1903, when the Luna Amusement Park was created—but Luna Park was unusual because it was lit by thousands of electric lights! The last fantasy park was called "Dreamland" (built in 1904), patterned after the Chicago World's Fair of 1893; it burned down in 1911. Around 1923, the subway ran to Coney Island, which thrived by providing entertainment, etc. until the end of WWII, but closed due to fires, property taxes, operating expenses, television, auto travel, migration, and the like.

We then drove around to the historic Coney Island Boardwalk (built in 1923), seeking skeletons of The Cyclone, The Parachute Jump, and The Ferris Wheel in the fenced-in amusement park. (I would have loved coming to this park when it was fetching.) No evidence of the above-mentioned hotels either, as they had burned

down or had been demolished. We stood at a rail on the Boardwalk, listening to Steve and looking at the Bay and the longest, widest beach and boardwalk ever. Coney Island, once considered the largest and most popular resort area in the U.S.A., now has only vendors, selling mostly T-shirts, and stand-up eateries (like Atlantic City without casinos).

We then drove over to the Golden Gate Motel in Brighton Beach, where we dropped off our luggage and joined Steve for a stroll on Emmons Avenue to the fishing boat marina nearby. Since I preferred purchasing postcards and a souvenir book on Coney Island, etc., I walked away from the noxious odor of the recently-caught fish displayed on the boats. I was disappointed that none of the few shops on the avenue had souvenirs (believe it or not!). At least I did manage to make a phone call to a friend in Brooklyn, before rejoining the others. We returned to the motel, where I dressed for the pre-selected dinner at the elegant Lundy Bros. Restaurant (known for seafood) on Emmons Avenue. We sat in a large private dining room, where the service and food were excellent: we were served clam chowder, salad, broiled lobster tail, half-roasted chicken, baked potato w/sour cream, string-beans and rolls. (No potato

and roll for me, thanks!) For dessert, we were offered a large slice of apple pie and ice cream. I chose only the ice cream, but requested a "doggie box" for the pie (half of which I managed to eat in my room later). Before leaving Lundy's, a Brooklyn historian and public school teacher, Ron Schweiger, lectured and showed slides of the first Lundy's Restaurant and other old sights of Brooklyn. Very interesting!

On Sunday morning, having eaten so much food at Lundy's on Saturday evening, I chose only orange juice and coffee. At 8:30 a.m. we checked out and drove through Bedford Avenue and around the following neighborhoods:

Flatbush & Ebbets Field

On Flatbush Avenue, stores were closed since it was Sunday, but the ubiquitous graffiti on their locked metal gates and windows during the long ride here was an ugly sight for me. However, most of the houses were pleasant enough to look at, as they were well-maintained and of different types and sizes. We stopped at the lovely campus of the city-run Brooklyn College, created for disadvantaged immigrants in 1930—academic standards were low at the time. We passed the former site of Ebbets Field (used by the Dodgers baseball team, until they were transferred to L.A. in 1957, and torn down in 1960 for a public-housing project.) The building's front wall, on Empire Boulevard, was made from some of the original bricks and a sign, Ebbets Field "Home of the Dodgers."

We walked to the exterior

of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Church built in the 1600s (now being used by Ghanian residents). We drove past the Brooklyn Museum and the Botanical Gardens next to it (an affluent area), as well as the Grand Army Plaza, where we stopped at the "Arch de Triumph," built in the 1890s to commemorate Civil War veterans. Then we drove through another affluent area past Prospect Park, developed in 1840s by Frederick Olmstead, the main Central Park architect; the Brooklyn Zoo is located here. Of course, driving around Brooklyn, one is certainly made aware of the many beautiful trees everywhere—contradicting the old book, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn." We passed the historic Greenwood Cemetery of the 1830s, full of beautiful statuary and mausoleums. The last view was of Borough Park on Fort Hamilton Avenue. Very noticeable was that people of all ages and races were enjoying being outdoors in the publicly-available playgrounds, tennis courts, baseball fields, chess tables, baci bowling area, etc. Especially lovely for me to witness were parents playing with their children on swings and jungle gyms.

At noontime, we drove down Flatbush and Dekalb Avenues to Junior's Restaurant, famous for cheesecakes. It is an appealing restaurant with a pastry shop at the entrance. Again, excellent attention was extended along with scrumptious food: fresh melon cup, a salad, three large slices of thin/tender brisket, mashed potatoes, green beans (again!), cole slaw, pickles, red beets, beverage and rolls. The waiters asked each of us what type of cheesecake we wished for dessert: I chose the cherry. Needless to say, it was too rich to eat after our meal—like the others in the

group, I could eat only half of the two-inch thick cake. Ironically, before I could approach one of our waiters for a "doggie box," waiters began handling out clear, plastic boxes and bags—apparently, they knew that most people could not consume the whole slice *after* a meal there. Very thoughtful management! (Yes, I managed to eat the last half the next evening at home—the best cheesecake ever made, I'd say!)

Still No Postcards!

We drove over to 13th Avenue, the main shopping area for the mainly Jewish population, for a stroll by ourselves among the stores that were open on Sundays. Our friendly and younger bus driver, Chuck, joined me in my search for postcards, etc. No luck, again! We eventually entered an enticing pastry shop (Weiss's) for a box of assorted cookies for Chuck to take home; I bought a croissant to have with coffee at our rest stop later. Driving on the expressway in South Brooklyn, we could see the stunning Manhattan skyline. We passed the area of the old Williamsburg Bank and the Brooklyn Academy of Music next door at Flatbush Avenue and Temple Square—legal and government buildings here as well as shops of the Antiques Row. Steve pointed out the old Brooklyn Theatre, of the Rock 'N Roll era, and the Paramount Theatre, now a gymnasium of the Long Island University.

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The annual book sale sponsored by the West End Library Friends will be held on Saturday, November 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The sale, which offers a wide variety of items, has been well attended in the past by neighbors, bibliophiles, and other book collectors. The Friends rely on the proceeds for needed purchases and improvements to the neighborhood branch. The library is located at 24th & L Streets, N.W. The sale is held on the second floor of the library.

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Before we journeyed to D.C., we drove under the Brooklyn Bridge, and walked on the Brooklyn Heights Promenade along the East River. There we had a clearer view of Manhattan's skyline (Empire State Building, Woolworth Building, Chrysler Building, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and Staten Island). The six-story affluent apartment buildings, with gardens, face the Promenade and have the wonderful view of the East River and Manhattan every day. They are quite striking, as were the brownstone houses in other parts of Brooklyn Heights (reminiscent of Georgetown, D.C. and Manhattan). Many famous people, like authors Capote and Mailer, had lived here, Steve told us. He also commented about the Mafia residential areas when

we were in some of them, but I'll be a coward and say that I can't remember where they are, ha ha!

After the rest stop at Delaware House, we reached the Smithsonian area about 8:00 p.m., an hour earlier than scheduled, hurrah! I must say that this tour was delightful. We had comfortable sunny weather; excellent food at Lundy's and Junior's; and, of course, our warm, friendly and articulate tour guide, Steve Forman, made the tour interesting by sharing his memories and knowledge of his beloved hometown, Brooklyn.



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Reminder: Call for Bulk Trash Pickups

The D.C. Department of Public Works has reinstated its pickup of bulk waste such as furniture, large appliances, and mattresses. Collections from single family homes began in mid-June. The number to call to schedule pickups is 727-4600. According to DPW, the new program will give residents a specific day to expect the bulk materials to be collected. Items should be put out after 6:00 p.m. the day before or by 6:00 a.m. the day of the scheduled pickup. Items weighing less than 60 pounds can be set out with regular trash (often the second pickup day is preferable because there is often more room in the truck before the weekend rather than right after it).

Reminder: if you hire workmen for home projects, they are required to remove the materials taken from your residence. Be sure to see that they do.

P.S. According to several neighbors who called for bulk pickups this summer, the new system is working!

The Foggy Bottom Diner

Brasil Sol E Mar

By Jim Patterson

Suppose you are resting comfortably in your Foggy Bottom residence and suddenly you have a craving for Brazilian cuisine. Not to worry. You do not have to travel thousands of miles. Foggy Bottom's own Brasil Sol E Mar, 2519 Pennsylvania Avenue (telephone 463-3025), boasts the best Brazilian food in Washington. I recently revisited Brasil to take advantage of the Early Bird menu, 3 courses for \$14.95, offered 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Brasil's menu offers chicken, seafood and meat dishes with a nice assortment of appetizers. The appetizer menu offers several interesting items including fresh sauteed mushrooms, \$3.75; fried cassava, \$4.75; and my favorite, steamed mussels served in a sauce of coconut milk, palm oil, tomatoes and green peppers. The nine mussels were steamed to perfection and the rich sauce was delicious. A limited assortment of salads are also available including chef salad, \$4.95; palm hearts, \$4.95; and for the serious salad eater the vegetable platter, \$8.95. Soups are black bean, \$3.25; collard greens, potato puree and sausage, \$3.50; and a special soup of the day.

For poultry lovers, there are six dishes ranging in price from \$9.95 for chicken with okra, shallots, fresh garlic, and paprika in a Portuguese olive oil with fresh herbs, to \$12.95 for breast of chicken with shrimp and spicy sausage sauteed with fresh tomatoes, onions, bay leaf and bell peppers.

Seafood fanciers can choose from among nine dishes, ranging from \$10.95 for mussels cooked in a sauce of fresh tomatoes, green peppers, onions, and cilantro, to \$15.95 for a platter of shrimp, oil and coconut milk. Another speciality is rice cooked with fish, shrimp, clams and mussels seasoned with fresh herbs.

Meat eaters can choose from six dishes such as pork chops served with rice, sauteed collard greens, Portuguese sausage and beans mixed with yucca flour and spices, \$12.95, to grilled fillet mignon topped with Brazilian style potatoes (onions, peas, and ham), \$16.95. All entrees are served with black beans and rice. I settled for feijoda, \$13.75, Brazil's national dish, which is a stew of black beans with beef, pork and Brazilian sausage served with collard greens, farofa (a mealy side dish), and orange slices. The dish was tasty and robust but definitely not low fat—large sections of pork skins and fat are included. I found the pork sections, which included ears and feet, inedible.

The dessert menu consists of five dishes all priced at \$3.50. From the choices, which included guava paste with Brazilian cheese, and Passion fruit mousse, I selected the coconut mousse. I hereby announce to all citizens of Foggy Bottom that Brasil Sol E Mar has the best coconut mousse in town! It was truly delicious.

The menu lists a limited assortment of Brazilian and Portuguese wines; average cost is \$17 per bottle. Wine by the glass is \$3.50, while daiquiris are \$4.50. Brasil also has name brand cognacs, brandy and cordials for after dinner. The spacious Brasil offers seasonal outdoor dining and a large upstairs dining room with live music for dancing on Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

My only complaint, aside from the pig ears in my order, was that Brasil was desperately understaffed for a busy Thursday evening. The single waitress on duty seemed to have more business than she could handle. Otherwise, give Brasil a visit and enjoy the unique cuisine of Brazil right here in Foggy Bottom.



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Forty Foggy Bottom Facts, Part II

Foggy Bottom formerly was an industrial neighborhood, and at least one "factory" remained into the 1950s. On the corner of 26th and Pennsylvania Avenue stood the Chestnut Farms Chevy Chase Dairy's offices and bottling plant. Milk, cream, whipping cream, and buttermilk found their way into thousands of bottles, taken from that location by small trucks to homes all over the city. That was in the days of the milkman who brought the milk, butter, cottage cheese and even eggs to your door. Occupying that space now is the Westbridge Condominium.

A goodly number of past presidents of the Foggy Bottom Association still live in the neighborhood, and several more still own property and return frequently. On that list are: Alex Wiskup, Bob Charles, Chris Lamb, Dick Palco, Bob Brewster, Richard Price, and Morella Hansen. Past Presidents Elayne de Vito and John Landgraf still own

property here.

The Foggy Bottom Metro station opened in July, 1976, one of several opening over the holiday weekend. Residents celebrated the event in several ways. Mary Healy, an early resident (maybe THE earliest resident of Potomac Plaza), led a large group who welcomed the first train when it arrived at the station early that Friday morning. In ceremonies later that morning George and Martha Washington lookalikes greeted residents and invited guests for a formal station inauguration. On hand, among others, was the late Ward 2 Councilmember and Council Finance Committee Chairman John Wilson whose short speech exhorted all to "keep on using the system; it's costing us a bundle." Leslie Grey and Tom Gosselin, local residents, created and sang a special song about the Metro which was seen and heard on the television news broadcasts during the entire weekend.

It's Time to Volunteer

Natural Day Care

Natural Day Care, the day care program at St. Paul's Church, welcomes volunteers especially those interested in reading to the children. Cathy Miller runs the facility, which cares for 2-5 year olds, is always eager to have help on a regular or occasional basis. Cathy Miller also has cared for and tried to maintain the 26th Street playground for a bunch of years, using donated money and her own funds to keep up the playground. Call Cathy at 338-6389 for more information.

Project Northstar

Tutors and volunteers are needed for Project Northstar, a tutoring program for at-risk youth in D.C. The location for the program is at Francis Junior High School, at 24th and N Streets, N.W., at the north end of our neighborhood. Training provided; work is rewarding, challenging and fun. Call 223-0144 for information.

IONA Senior Services

Would you volunteer one hour or more a week to help an older person live independently? IONA Senior Services is an award-winning non-profit organization located in Tenleytown. Needed are friendly visitors, chore and errand people to help after a hospital stay, medical transportation drivers, meal deliverers to the homebound on a Saturday, or administrative and information assistants at the center. IONA also plans and holds programs at Foggy Bottom's St. Mary's Court. Call Mary Teresa Gray at 966-1055 for more information or to volunteer.



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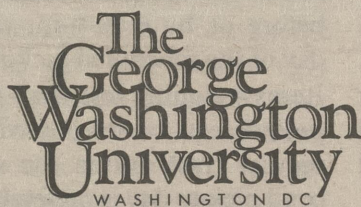
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